

## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 21, 2004**. Farmers were in the fields harvesting until the rains arrived over the weekend. Cotton harvesting continues with the late planted and replanted fields remaining. The warmer temperatures have been beneficial to the late maturing cotton crop. Warm temperatures continue to hamper ryegrass growth. Farmers struggling with preventing blast damage have replanted some of their ryegrass fields. Beef and dairy producers are concerned with the lack of pasture available for grazing, and continue to feed hay and supplements until fields are ready for grazing. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2003	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	97	94	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	91	69	100	93	0	1	63	33	3
	Emerged	72	42	94	76					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	92	88	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						4	9	22	52	13

### County Agent Comments

"Very few crops are left in the field.

— Mack Young, Quitman

"Very few crops are left in the field. Gins will be backed up for a long time. Unseasonably warm weather has been good for winter forage crops. Higher cattle prices have also allowed more pastures to receive badly needed lime applications."

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

"We may have 1-2 percent of cotton and beans left in the field. The last thing we need to do is to get the cotton stalks cut."

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"I expect that this last rain will finish most crops. A good bit of sub-soiling and re-bedding has taken place."

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

"Most row crops are harvested. However, several acres of sweetpotatoes will be left for the deer. Planting of these sweetpotato acres was late and could not mature."

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

"Reports of complete loss of ryegrass to blast disease infestations keep coming in each day. Beef and dairy producers are devastated by this loss of winter grazing. We are typically grazing by now, but many producers are being forced to replant ryegrass and/or a mixture of ryegrass and wheat. Hay supplies are being fed early this fall; hence, producers will desperately need outstanding ryegrass growing conditions in December through next spring."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

"Beef producers have started feeding hay. Summer pastures are short and tough. I haven't seen any ryegrass fields that are ready to graze. Peanuts are harvested and cotton harvest is nearly complete. There have been some complaints about pine beetles. Rains over the weekend were welcomed, but we could use some more."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Ponds are still low. The moisture on fields is adequate to short.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“Additional rain was not welcomed by producers as they begin to graze winter pastures. All fall tillage has come to a standstill because of the rain. Blast on ryegrass has slowed down due to cooler temperatures.”

— Victor Lee, Newton

“Warmer temperatures allowed some summer annuals to germinate, creating some unusual fall weed problems.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Rain has stopped all fieldwork. We have harvested almost all our crops in the county.”

— Don Respess, Bolivar

“Rain stopped producers from completing the harvesting of soybeans and cotton.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“There are still a few fields of cotton left in the field. These are the fields that were either planted late, replanted, or were flooded during the rainy period early in the growing season. Recent warmer weather has allowed more of this cotton to mature than any of us had expected. Producers need an opportunity to harvest the remaining cotton; otherwise, harvesting is complete.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“If we can keep this cool weather, we shouldn't have any more problems with blast in ryegrass. Some producers have been able to “control graze” some ryegrass. Rain is in the forecast for several days. We can use some rain, but not an excessive amount.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Ryegrass has shown improvement during the past week with the cooler temperatures, but unseasonable temperatures are still a major problem with the slower growth of rye grass. Vegetable producers have experienced better than average harvesting of their second planting of warm-season vegetables.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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# Weather Summary from November 15, 2004 to November 21, 2004 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston	74	44	57	51	+6	0.70	-0.75	3	4.03				
Cleveland				52		0.60	-0.87	3	3.51				
Tunica	72	39	58	51	+7	0.65	-0.68	3	6.38				
Extreme/Average	74	39	58	52	+6	0.65	-0.69	3	4.64				
2. North-Central													
Hickory Flat	72	42	57	49	+8	0.46	-0.92	1	2.97				
Calhoun City	71	44	56	51	+5	0.56	-0.63	2	1.93				
Independence	72	45	56	50	+6	0.53	-0.66	3	3.74				
Oxford	73			50		0.51	-0.81	3	3.23				
Extreme/Average	73	42	57	51	+6	0.52	-0.79	2	2.97				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	70	47	57	50	+7	0.42	-0.95	3	2.19				
Iuka	71	34	54	48	+6	0.21	-1.20	1	2.62				
Ripley	71	45	57	49	+8	0.47	-0.94	2	2.72				
Tupelo	71	46	57			0.42		2	1.56				
Verona	72	46	57	51	+6	0.39	-0.77	3	2.07				
Extreme/Average	72	34	57	51	+6	0.38	-0.95	2	2.23				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	74	49	60	54	+6	1.31	+0.02	4	4.07				
Rolling Fork				53		1.73	+0.56	3	4.68				
Stoneville	73	49	59	53	+6	0.92	-0.34	4	4.30	67	56	61	
Yazoo City	74	50	60	54	+6	1.54	+0.30	2	3.62				
Extreme/Average	74	49	60	54	+6	1.38	+0.09	3	4.17	67	56	61	
5. Central													
Canton	74	46	59	54	+5	1.56	+0.27	2	3.30				
Carthage	73	45	58	53	+5	1.20	-0.10	1	3.05				
Lexington	73	46	57	53	+4	1.90	+0.57	2	3.48				
Eupora	72	44	56	51	+5	0.93	-0.33	2	2.29				
Extreme/Average	74	44	58	53	+5	1.40	+0.11	2	3.03				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	72	44	57	51	+6	0.22	-0.90	3	1.96				
Houston	71	42	56	50	+6	0.47	-0.83	2	1.71				
Louisville				53		0.60	-0.59	2	2.42				
State University	72	43	56	53	+3	0.85	-0.27	2	2.78	61	57	59	0.06
Extreme/Average	72	42	56	53	+3	0.54	-0.71	2	2.22	61	57	59	0.06
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	74	48	60	56	+4	0.85	-0.29	3	4.42	70	58	62	
Natchez	75	51	62	57	+5	1.20	-0.15	4	5.80				
Oakley				54		1.88	+0.62	2	4.90				
Vicksburg	74	49	61			1.56		2	4.21				
Extreme/Average	75	48	61	56	+5	1.37	+0.12	3	4.83	70	58	62	
8. South-Central													
Collins	73	47	60	55	+5	1.42	+0.23	3	6.34				
Columbia	76	48	61	56	+5	1.49	+0.30	3	5.37				
Tylertown	74	49	63	58	+5	1.67	+0.50	2	6.53				
Extreme/Average	76	47	61	56	+5	1.53	+0.34	3	6.08				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.95		2	4.60				
Hattiesburg	75	47	60	57	+3	1.56	+0.25	2	3.90				
Laurel	74	47	60	55	+5	0.91	-0.28	2	4.62				
Newton	74	39	56	53	+3	0.59	-0.67	2	2.83	64	57	61	0.08
Extreme/Average	75	39	59	56	+3	1.00	-0.24	2	3.99	64	57	61	0.08
10. Coastal													
Gulfport	77	55	66	60	+6	0.77	-0.44	1	5.62				
Poplarville				58		1.10	-0.05	1	4.69				0.12
Waveland	75	55	64	58	+6	0.40	-0.93	1	3.08				
Extreme/Average	77	55	65	59	+6	0.76	-0.50	1	4.46				0.12
State	77	34	59	54	+5	1.00	-0.27	2	3.83	70	56	61	0.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.